

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1-13 and add new claims 14-18, as indicated below. The following list of claims replaces all previous listings of the claims.

1. (currently amended) A hose dispenser, for use with a hose for conveying fluid, the dispenser comprising:

A substantially cylindrical reel, for holding a length of hose, the hose being rotatably mounted on a support;

braking means for inhibiting rotation of the reel; and

an arm, movable between first and second positions, being arranged to bear against a portion of hose in use, wherein the arm is operably associated with the braking means such that when the arm is in the first position the braking means inhibits rotational motion of the reel, and when the arm is in the second position the braking means does not inhibit rotational motion of the reel, and the reel is able to rotate to dispense hose, wherein the braking means comprises a brake drum having an inside surface and a brake shoe, and wherein the braking means engages the inside surface of the brake drum to inhibit rotational motion of the reel except when a tension force is applied to the hose.

2. (currently amended) A hose dispenser according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein the support comprises a frame.

3. (currently amended) A hose dispenser according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein the arm is arranged in use to be moveable between the first and second positions in dependence upon tension in a hose bearing against the arm.

4. (currently amended) A hose dispenser according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein the arm is pivotally mounted, at at least one end thereof, with respect to the reel.

5. (currently amended) A hose dispenser according to ~~Claim~~ claim 4, wherein pivotal movement of the arm between the first and second positions is arranged to cause engagement or disengagement of the braking means.
6. (currently amended) A hose dispenser according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein the arm comprises a guide portion arranged in use to guide a hose when dispensing from the reel.
7. (currently amended) A hose dispenser according to ~~Claim~~ claim 6, wherein the guide portion comprises a channel or tube through which a hose is arranged in use to pass.
8. (currently amended) A hose dispenser according to ~~Claim~~ claim 6, wherein the guide portion is arranged in use to co-operate with an end portion of a hose when a hose is substantially full coiled on the reel.
9. (currently amended) A hose dispenser according to ~~Claim~~ claim 8, wherein the guide portion is arranged in use to engage lockably the end portion of the hose.
10. (currently amended) A hose dispenser according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, including a hose, the end portion of said hose comprising a substantially frusto-conical hood, which serves to protect the exposed said end of the hose.
11. (currently amended) A hose dispenser according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein the hose dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the hose dispenser is mounted on a trolley.
12. (currently amended) A hose dispensing apparatus, comprising a reel, holding a length of hose for conveying fluid, the hose having a free end; and
braking means for inhibiting rotational motion of the reel, wherein the braking means comprises a brake drum having an inside surface and a brake shoe, and wherein the braking means engages the inside surface of the brake drum to inhibit rotational motion of the reel except when a tension force is applied to the hose.

13. (currently amended) A hose dispensing apparatus according to ~~Claim~~ claim 12, wherein the apparatus is arranged such that application of a tension force to the hose causes an arm, mounted on the reel and operatively associated with the braking means, to move into a first position, in which the brake is disengaged, and such that in the absence of application of such a tension force the hose causes the arm to move into a second position in which the brake is engaged.

14. (new) A hose dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the arm has a pivot point inside the brake drum.

15. (new) A hose dispensing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the arm has a pivot point inside the brake drum.

16. (new) A hose dispenser according to claim 1, wherein a free end of the hose is fitted with a protective hood.

17. A hose dispensing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the free end of the hose is fitted with a protective hood.

18. (new) A hose dispensing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the protective hood is a frusto-conical protective hood.